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Loudoun County Honored at COG Animal Services Awards

October 13, 2010 – Waterford, VA – Loudoun County Animal Care & Control took home two awards at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's annual Animal Services Awards, presented October 1 in Washington, DC.

The Council of Governments (COG) is a regional organization of Washington area local governments, composed of 21 jurisdictions in the Metro Washington area. COG's Animal Services Committee hosts an annual awards ceremony to honor outstanding work in the field of animal welfare, including animal sheltering and animal control.

Deputy Chief Animal Control Officer Adrienne Burton was honored with the **Leadership Award** for her work with the Animal Control Division. Officer Burton was recognized for guiding her team through many stressful and complex cases, while always leading by example to promote teamwork and excellent service to the public.

Administrative Manager Donna Levesque and Administrative Assistant Angela Joynt were presented with the **Administrative/Customer Service Award** for their work revamping the County's dog license processes. Their innovative and creative solutions allowed for an increase in dog licensing from 22% to 35% of the estimated number of dogs in the county, while making improvements in automated systems allowing for a reduction in staff time to process and issue dog licenses and tags.

A Loudoun County veterinarian also received an award at the ceremony. Dr. Valerie Campbell of Blue Ridge Veterinary Associates was honored with the **Veterinarian Award** for her service to the community, especially her team's work with several foxhounds that were rescued from a devastating barn fire. Not only did Dr. Campbell and her staff treat and care for these dogs, they went above and beyond in finding rescue groups and homes for them knowing that the owners could not afford to provide the level of care that these dogs would require.

Loudoun County Animal Care & Control was also nominated for three additional awards – the Humane Education Award for its Volunteer Apprentice Program, the Animal Rescue Award for the rescue of several foxhounds from a barn fire, and the Animal Control Officer team award for continuing service to the community.

"We are honored to be recognized by our peers for these programs and accomplishments," remarked Animal Care & Control Director Thomas Koenig. "I was so impressed to hear all of the nominations and the great things individuals and groups are doing at animal welfare organizations in this region."

Loudoun County Animal Care & Control is located at 39820 Charles Town Pike, Waterford, VA 20197. Department information & directions can be found at www.loudoun.gov/animals.

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